

Basic Detail Report

Pietro Ingrao and Enrico Berlinguer of the Italian Communist Party

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Pietro Ingrao (March 30, 1915 – September 27, 2015) was an Italian politician, journalist and former partisan. For many years he was a senior figure in the Italian Communist Party (PCI). Ingrao joined them in 1942 and took part in the anti-fascist resistance during WW2. After the war, he led the Marxist-Leninist tendency in the party, representing its left wing. This led him to frequent political differences with Giorgio Amendola, leader of the social democratic tendency. Enrico Berlinguer was national secretary of the Italian Communist Party (Partito Comunista Italiano or PCI) from 1972 until his death. In 1973, having been hospitalised after a car accident during a visit to Bulgaria (now widely considered an attempt on his life on orders from Moscow), Berlinguer wrote three famous articles ("Reflections on Italy", "After the facts of Chile" and "After the Coup [in Chile]") for the intellectual weekly magazine of the party, Rinascita. In these he presented the strategy of the so-called Historic Compromise, a proposed coalition between the Italian Communist Party and the Christian Democrats to grant Italy a period of political stability, at a time of severe economic crisis and in a context in which some forces were allegedly manoeuvring for a coup d'état in Italy.

Dimensions

Overall: 30.2 x 21.2 cm (11 7/8 x 8 3/8 in.)